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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Jennifer Marvin)

Serial No. 10/038,765)

Filing Date: January 2, 2002)

For TAMPON APPLICATOR AND)
METHOD OF USING SAME)

Examiner Kidwell

Group Art Unit No. 3761

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This responds to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 14, 2004. Applicant elects Species 1 and subspecies 1, which the Examiner relates to Figs. 1A, 1B, and 2A, respectively. Applicant also notes that claim 1 appears to be generic to each of the subspecies 1-3 (as shown in Figs. 2A, 2B, and 2C) because claim 1 requires a stopping

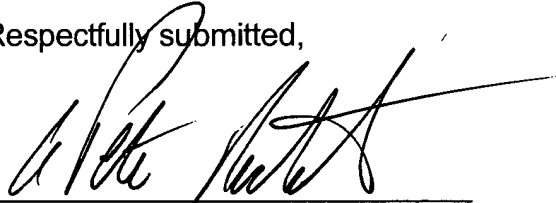
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member and dependent claims 8, 9, and 10 (encompassing Figs. 2A, 2B, and 2C, respectively) further identify the stopping member.

If, for any reason, the Examiner feels that the above amendments and remarks do not put the claims in condition for allowance, the undersigned attorney can be reached at (312) 321-4276 to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Peter Nichols', written over a horizontal line.

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- ☒ Response to Restriction Requirement
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